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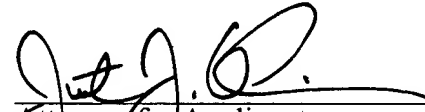
Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office counterpart application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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